

SERMON OUTLINE John 12:12-19

Jesus' Triumphal Entries

THE FIRST TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

THE SECOND TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Planned by Jesus (14-16)

The Crowd Was Enthralled (13, 17-18)

The Disciples Were Confused (16)

The Pharisees Were Resigned (19)

You Are...?

THE THIRD TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this sermon and passage is that Jesus is triumphant in all He is and does. The main takeaway is that we ought to live every moment of every day in light of that fact. Let's pray and dive in.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. How does your family celebrate Christmas? What is your favorite and least favorite part of it?
3. In what ways does your family celebrate Christmas today differently than when you were a kid?
4. Which aspect of your family celebration most helps you celebrate Jesus?
5. Had you ever thought of Jesus as having three triumphal entries? Which of the three is most impressive to you?
6. Does it seem like the crowd thrust Jesus into a place of prominence in our passage? Why do you think it's important to recognize that this triumphal entry was planned by God and initiated by Jesus?
7. How did the crowd go from crying "Hosanna" on Sunday to "Crucify Him" on Friday?
8. The crowd was right about Jesus as king, but mistaken in what that meant? How did they get it so wrong? Have you ever gotten something similarly wrong about Jesus?
9. What confuses you most about Jesus? What would you most like to understand about Him with 100% certainty?
10. What do you make of the Pharisees' response?
11. What is your own response to Jesus' triumphal entries? How does it resemble the crowds, the Disciples, or the Pharisees?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Tell someone about Jesus' three triumphal entries this week.
14. Find at least one specific way to put off Christmas worldliness and put on Christmas godliness.
15. Create a playlist of songs that are biblically faithful and joyful and share that with someone.
16. Create some kind of Christ-centered Christmas/triumphal entries artwork. Help your kids do so as well.
17. Pick one new, specific, biblically prescribed way to live in light of the fact that Jesus is the eternal, triumphant king.
18. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
19. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

20. Adoration. Praise God for being triumphant in all He is and does. Praise God for being love. Praise God for being gracious and merciful. Praise God that He is sovereign, wise, and good.
21. Confess. Confess any ways that you have made Christmas more into a celebration of nostalgia, materialism, or worldliness than the incarnation of Jesus. Confess any ways you've wrongly remained silent about Jesus' triumphal entries. Confess any ways you've failed to live in light of the fact that Jesus is king of all.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God for Christmas. Thank God that He loved the world in such a way that He sent Jesus to save the world from our sin and rebellion against Him. Thank God for including you by grace through faith in His victory.
23. Supplication. Ask God to comfort those who are suffering and lonely. Ask God to save someone specific. Ask God to give us wisdom to know how to honor Him as king and the courage to do so no matter what. Ask God to make Christmas merry.